



**PATENT** 

# COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

# (ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT, SUPPLEMENTAL, DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION, OR C-I-P)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

## TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is for an original application.

#### INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

#### TITLE OF INVENTION

SKI BINDING OR SNOWBOARD BINDING

#### SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification was filed on October 18, 2001, as Serial No. not yet known .

# ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

#### PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. Section 119(a)-(d))

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

Such applications have been filed as follows.

# PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS (6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS APPLICATION AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. SECTION 119(a)-(d)

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING DAY, MONTH, YEAR	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. SECTION 119
Germany	100 52 067.7	19 October 2000	yes

# **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

I hereby appoint the following practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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# **DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

# SIGNATURE(S)

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Inventor's signature

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# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Serial No.:

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October 18, 2001

Group Art Unit:

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Title:

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# **STATEMENT**

Sir:

I, D. Peter Hochberg, an attorney registered in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, declare that the application filed in the Patent and Trademark Office on October 18, 2001 is the application which the inventor executed by signing the attached Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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# **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)**

I hereby certify that this paper, and any documents or thing identified as being attached or enclosed herewith, is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed: Box Missing Parts FEE, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the date noted below.

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Katherine R. Vieyra

# **DECLARATION OR OATH** (continued)

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.41(a) points out that "Full names must be stated, including the family name and at least one given name without abbreviation together with any other given name or initial."

NOTE: For surcharge fee for filing declaration after filing date complete item VI(3) below.

NOTE: Acceptable minimums in the declaration for identification of the specification to which it applies are the name of the inventor and (1) serial number (2) attorney docket number which was on the application as filed and the filing date (3) title of the invention and filing date (4) title of invention and reference to a specification which is attached to the declaration at the time of execution and filed with the declaration or (5) title of invention and a statement by a registered attorney that the application filed in the PTO is the application which the inventor executed by signing the declaration. If identification (4) is used it must be accompanied by a statement that the "attached" specification is a copy of the specification and any amendments thereto which were filed in the PTO to obtain the filing date; such a statement must be a verified statement if made by a person not registered to practice before the PTO. Notice of September 12, 1983 (1035 O.G. 3).

NOTE: Another minimum found acceptable in the declaration is the filing date (i.e., date of express mail) and the express mail number, useful where the serial number is not yet known. But note the practice where the express mail deposit is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday within the District of Columbia. 37 CFR 1.10(c).

(complete (c) or (d), if applicable)

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(c)	(x)	Statement by a registered attorney that the application filed in the PTO is the application which the inventor(s) executed by signing the declaration.
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#### AMENDMENT CANCELING CLAIMS

IV. () Cancel claims \_\_\_ inclusive.

# TRANSMITTAL OF ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPERS

V. () Submitted herewith is a verified English translation of the non-English language application papers as originally filed. It is requested that this translation be used as the copy for examination purposes in the PTO.

# **DRAWINGS**

VI. () Pages of Formal Drawings with Figs. are enclosed.

# **FEES**

VII. WARNING: Failure to submit the surcharge fees where required will cause the application to become abandoned. 37 CFR 1.53(d).

NOTE: The filing fees, fees for claims and surcharge fees listed below in items 1,2 and 3 are reduced by 50% where proof of a small entity status is established on or before the date the fee is paid. If the full fee was paid by a verified statement is filed within 2 months of the date of timely payment of a fee then the excess fee paid will be refunded on request. 37 CFR 1.28(a).

1. Filing Fee	original patent application (37 CFR 1.16(a) -\$740.00;	
( )	Small entity - \$370.00	\$
( )	design application (37 CFR 1.16(f) -	•
· /	\$330.00; small entity - \$165.00)	\$
2. Fees for cla	ims	
( )	each independent claim in excess of 3 (37 CFR 1.16(b) -	
	\$84.00; small entity - \$42.00)	\$
( )	each claim in excess of 20 (37 CFR 1.16(c) -	
	\$18.00; small entity - 9.00)	\$
( )	multiple dependent claim(s) (37 CFR 1.16(d) -	
` ,	\$280.00; small entity -\$140.00)	\$
3. Surcharge f	ees	
( )	late payment of filing fee	\$
, ,	and/or	
(X)	late filing of original declaration or oath	
` ,	(37 CFR 1.16(e) - \$130.00; small entity - \$65.00)	\$ 65.00

NOTE: Even where a facsimile declaration or oath signed by the inventor(s) was part of the originally filed papers the surcharge fee is required.

NOTE: If both the filing fee **and** declaration or oath were missing from the original papers only one surcharge fee for both need be paid. 37 CFR 1.16(e).

4. ( )	Petition fee for filing by other than all the inventors or a person not the inventor (37 CFR 1.17(h); 1.47 - \$130.00)	\$
5. ( )	Fee for processing an application filed with a specification in a non-English language (37 CFR 1.17(k); 1.52(d) - \$130.00)	\$
6. ( )	Fee for processing and retention of application (37 CFR 1.21(l); 1.53(d) - \$130.00)	\$

**Total fees** \$ 65.00

## **SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

**VIII.** (X) This is a statement that the applicant(s)/assignee qualify for small entity status under the patent statutes.

# **PAYMENT OF FEES**

IX. (X) Enclosed is a credit card form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$65.00.( ) Charge Account No. 08-2441 in the amount of \$

A duplicate of this request is attached.

# **AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES**

WARNING: Accurately count claims, especially multiple dependent claims, to avoid unexpected high charges if extra claims are authorized.

- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees which may be required by this paper and during the pendency of this application to Account No. 08-2441.
  - (X) 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees)
  - (X) 37 CFR 1.16 (presentation of extra claims)
  - (X) 37 CFR 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)
  - () 37 CFR 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.311(b))

Respectfully submitted,

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Enc. - Attorney Statement; Declaration; Credit Card Payment Form for fee

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